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IN RE APPLICATION OF :
Tomori TANAKA : GROUP: To be Assigned
SERIAL NO: 09/668,161 :
FILED: September 25, 2000 : EXAMINER: To be Assigned
FOR: APPARATUS, METHOD AND :
COMPUTER READABLE
RECORDING MEDIUM FOR...

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claims 53, 54, 55, 76, 78, 79, 81, 82, 85, 86, 88, and 89, as follows:

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--53. (Amended) The image processing method as defined in claim 39, wherein said
image processing method further comprises the steps of:
an image data compression process of compressing said image data before
memorizing said image data in said [primary] secondary memory device; and
an image data decompression process of decompressing said image data after reading
out said image data from said secondary memory device by said image data reading-out
device.